Dewan.—If the local bodies concerned are prepared to meet the expenses of holding the conference, Government have no objection to consider the proposal favourably.

Second Member of Council.—Let the local bodies concerned send up a resolution in favour of the conference for the consideration of Government.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In Bangalore City, the subject was brought up before the Municipal Council after the approval of the Managing Committee and it was resolved that arrangements may be made for the holding of a conference very early.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiya.—In case it is decided to hold a conference, no subscriptions should be raised from the people.

Dewan.—Detailed proposals from the Bangalore City Municipal Council are awaited.

SUBJECT No. 179.

Non-official President for Municipalities.

Messrs. Bharisanna Tippeswami, Molakalmuru Municipality; G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk, and Rangaswami Chetty, Magadi Taluk.

Messrs. Rangaswami Chetty and Syed Khaja Peeran.—The system of having a non-official Vice-President for a Municipal Council under the Amildar-President is not working satisfactorily as the latter is reluctant to allow the non-official Vice-President to carry out his duties without constant interference from himself. It would therefore be far better to have the Deputy Commissioner of the District as President rather than the Amildar.

Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao.—Both in the case of Municipal Councils as well as in the case of Taluk Boards, it is desirable to have officials alone or non-officials alone for the place of President and Vice-President and not have an official President and a non-official Vice-President or *vice versa* as such a system is not found to work smoothly in practice.

Second Member of Council.—The policy of having non-official Vice-Presidents for Municipal Councils as well as Local Boards is only of recent origin and a fair trial should be given to it before changing the same. It is not expedient to make the Deputy Commissioner the President of Municipal Councils and Local Boards in preference to a local officer.

SUBJECT No. 180.

Modification of Rules for the election of members to Taluk Boards.

Mr, Sampangi Ramaiya, Malur Taluk.

Mr. Sampangi Ramayya.—The system of electing members to Taluk Boards from Village Panchayets should be altered as it gives a representation to small units of 200 or 250 people. Similarly the grouping of villages into four circles for each taluk should also be discontinued. Each hobli should be divided into two groups.

(2) The number of elected members should always be more than the number of nominated and official members.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 181.

Extension of franchise to women.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. Gopalswami Iyer.—The Madras Government has nominated Mrs. Devadoss as a Member of the Madras Corporation. There are some women Councillors in Nellore and Bellary Municipalities who have obtained their seats by nomination. They are doing satisfactory work. Our Government also may extend similar privileges to women in Mysore.

Second Member of Council.—There are very few women here who will come forward to undertake such work.

Mr. Gopalswami Iyer.—Unless they know that the franchise has been extended to them, there will hardly be any who will offer themselves to do such work.

Dewan.—The suggestion is noted and will be considered while framing the rules.

Per contra.—This should apply only to Bangalore and Mysore.

SUBJECT No. 182.

Deputing of a member from minor municipalities to District and Taluk Boards.

Messrs. Virupaiah, Nyamti Municipality; N. Gurulingappa, and K. Basalingappa, Honnali Taluk.

Mr. Virupaiah and Mr. Gurulingappa.—As the interests of Municipalities will be involved in matters coming up for disposal before the District and Taluk Boards, Minor Municipalities may be given the privilege of returning a member to the District and Taluk Boards. If it is not possible to extend the privilege in respect of District Boards, it may be extended at least in respect of Taluk Boards.

Dewan.—Taluk Boards are intended for rural areas while Municipalities are intended for town areas. There is therefore no reason why Minor Municipalities should ask for representation on Taluk Boards.

Mr. Vema Reddy.—A portion of the local cess levied in Minor Municipalities forms a source of income for the Taluk Board. It is but right that there ought to be members returned by Minor Municipalities to represent them in these local bodies.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 183.

Defining the duties of Municipal Vice-Presidents.

Mr. K. S. Gundappa, Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. K. S. Gundappa.—Amildars who have become Presidents of Municipal Councils exercise all powers and do not allow non-official Vice-Presidents to exercise any power. The latter have to work under the authority of the Amildars. Their duties may therefore be clearly defined so that by the exercise of these powers, they may eventually be qualified to become Presidents.

Second Member of Council.—When Presidents of Municipal Councils are themselves likely to be non-officials in future, why press this question?

Mr. Vema Reddy.—My suggestion is that the Deputy Commissioner should be made the President of Minor Municipalities.

Dewan.—There are 15 or 20 Minor Municipalities in each district. Is it possible?

Mr. Vema Reddy.—Non-officials should not be made Presidents of Minor Municipalities. Either Deputy Commissioners or Sub-Division Officers should be made Presidents.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 184.

Empowering District Boards to sanction the construction of buildings.

Mr. K. Suryanarayana Rao.—District Boards may be empowered to sanction the construction of buildings, if they have sufficient funds at their disposal.

Dewan.—Noted.

Messrs. C. Krishna Rao and K. Suryanarayana Rao, Tumkur District Board.